



# ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South Wilmington, IL



### MASS INTENTIONS:

1/04/20 Sat. 4:00pm +Evelyn Ford (Deony Family)  
 1/05/20 Sun. 10:00am +Louie Peterson (+Gary & Charlotte Morris)

1/06/20 Mon. No Mass  
 1/07/20 Tues. 6:15pm Rosary  
 1/07/20 Tues. 6:30pm +Tom Perkins (Elaine Joyce)  
 1/08/20 Wed. 7:30am Special Intention  
 1/09/20 Thurs. 7:30am +Bernadette Davidson (James & Stacy Davidson)

1/10/20 Fri. No Mass  
 1/11/20 Sat. 4:00pm +Tom Granger (Debbie & Dave Wollgast)  
 1/12/20 Sun. 10:00am +Lou Naretto & all deceased KC Members

If you would like a Mass Intention said please contact the Rectory.  
 Suggested donation is \$10.

**REMEMBER in PRAYER** our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so we may live in freedom and in peace!

| Liturgical Schedule | Lector      | E. Minister | Servers           |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1/04 Sat. 4pm       | C. Frobish  | S. Myrick   | R. & M. Cacello   |
| 1/05 Sun. 10am      | T. Peterson | D. Pfeifer  | T. & J. Wilkey    |
| 1/11 Sat. 4pm       | A. Wargo    | L. Himes    | L. Byers/N. Himes |
| 1/12 Sun. 10am      | Fred Hejna  | Lee Miller  | L. & A. Staab     |

**Holy Father's Intention for the month of January:**  
*General Intention:* Promotion of World Peace. That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



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| <b>Weekly Income:</b>      |                   |
| <b>Budget (Needed)</b>     | <b>\$ 3200.00</b> |
| <b>Sunday Collection</b>   | <b>\$ 1842.00</b> |
| <b>Christmas</b>           | <b>\$ 4916.00</b> |
| <b>Childrens Envelopes</b> | <b>\$ 26.00</b>   |
| <b>Improvement</b>         | <b>\$ 5020.00</b> |

**Thank you for supporting our parish!**

### Parish Staff:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*  
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*Hall Rentals - Call the Office*

### Mass Schedule:

Sat. - 4:00pm  
 Sun. - 10:00am  
 Tues. 6:30pm  
 Wed. & Thurs. - 7:30am

### Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:00pm.

**SACRAMENT of BAPTISM** - Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:00 am Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**MARRIAGES** -Diocesan policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the pastor before setting a date. No weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

**HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS** - Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

### Funeral Dinner Co-Chairs for January

Thalia Wilson 237-8595  
 Betsy Lutz 252-0157

### FROM AROUND THE PARISH

**Welcome!** We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Lawrence Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the rectory office. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website [swkr Catholics.org](http://swkr Catholics.org) Thank you!

**Blessing of a Home**—Although there are fine texts for the blessing of homes, neither the *Book of Blessings* nor *Catholic Households Blessings and Prayers* explains the traditional method for blessing homes this day using incense, chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made), and "Jordan water." The chalk is used to mark over doorways. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi—Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin motto *Christos mansion benedict* ("May Christ bless the house").

Fr. Stanley is available to come and bless your homes. If you are interested, please call the rectory to set this up. Otherwise, we have available to you Epiphany Kits and instructions so you can bless your own homes.

### Statistical Parish Data for the year 2019

Baptisms - 12  
 Weddings - 2  
 Funerals - 5  
 Registered Families - 276

The Race Committee will meet at the Fr Matthew Hall on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to begin planning for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Nite at the Races set for March 14, 2020. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

**IT IS OUR HONOR TO CORDIALLY INVITE YOU (AND YOUR GUEST) ALL\* WHO SACRIFICE TIME AND TALENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY** to join us to celebrate an **APPRECIATION DINNER** on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 6:30PM at St. Lawrence Parish Hall. Excellent food and drinks would be offered and nice music for dancing! Please RSVP signing the list in the back of the church. (\*Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, RE Staff, Ushers, Parish and Finance Council Members, Musicians and Cantors, Janitors, Those who care for Altar Linens, Money Counters, Society Officers, Funeral Dinner Co-Chairs, Quilters and Mobile Food Truck Volunteers).

"Only in Christ can men and women find answers to the ultimate questions that trouble them. Only in Christ can they fully understand their dignity as persons created and loved by God." -Pope John Paul II

### News & Upcoming Events

**Knights of Columbus Corporate Mass** will be on Sunday, January 12th at 10am. Please welcome the members of the Knights of Columbus #1574. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place and supporting their Church through charitable work. If anyone is interested in information on becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus please see them after Mass on this day.

9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information.



Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or an app at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com). Additional resources to observe the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protect of Unborn Children are also available. **When:** Tuesday, January 21 - Wednesday, January 29, 2020

**Be Kind and Merciful through the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**-All parishioners will receive a mailing from the Diocese of Joliet this month about the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Our annual appeal is vitally important to not only the diocese, but also to our parish as well. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish and allow us all to *Be Kind and Merciful* to the most vulnerable in our community. Our parish's goal for the 2020 CMAA is \$9,900 and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and then prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a mailing from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

### The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity – Sunday, 05 January 2020

Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.

**Travelers.** The Magi brought gifts with them. Although King Herod was greatly troubled, Jesus and his parents did not fear these travelers. God was with them all. And God is with us and everyone even to this day.

- Whom do I fear?
- How can I be like Jesus and his parents and the Magi to accept everyone?
- What will I do to assure pathways of peace for migrants, travelers, refugees, and aliens?